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E. O. 11652: NA

TAGS: SNAR, EAGR

SUBJECT: NARCOTICS CONTROL: AGRICULTURAL REDIRECTION

1. ON MARCH 19, 1973, IN A CEREMONY AT BAN NA KONG, HOUA KHONG PROVINCE, THE RLG FORMALLY TURNED OVER TO 717 FORMER POPPY- FARMERS, OF YAO ETHNIC ORIGIN, 200 HECTARES OF LAND CLEARED AND PLOWED WITH AMERICAN ASSISTANCE FOR PLANTING IN RICE AND OTHER LOWLAND CROPS. IN THE SAME CEREMONY, THE CITIZENS OF BAN NA KONG PUBLICLY BURNED THEIR 1972-73 CROP OF POPPIES, REMOVED FROM OVER 13.5 HECTARES IN OVER 50 MOUNTAIN- TOP PATCHES. OPIUM CONTENT OF POPPIES DESTROYED ESTIMATED TO BE 162 KILTGRAMS.

2. PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS AT CEREMONY WERE MINISTER OF INTERIOR (REPRESENTING PRIME MINISTER), AND DCM (REPRESENTING AMBASSADOR). SECSTATE FOR HEALTH AND ACTING MINISTER NATIONAL ECONOMY ALSO PRESENT, AS WAS CONSIDERABLE REPRESENTATION OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS.

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3. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS WITH DETAILS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.
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